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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed July 16, 2007, the Examiner noted that claims 1-27 were pending, that claims 19-24 and 26 have been withdrawn from consideration, allowed claims 8 and 17, and rejected claims 1-7, 9-16, 18, 25 and 27.

Claims 7 and 9-16 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 8 and thus are now allowable. Claims 1-6 and 18-27 have been cancelled.

It is submitted that claims 8 and 17 continue to be allowable and claims 7 and 9-16 that depend from claim 8 are also allowable. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

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